

Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/488,754	Applicant(s) Rudolf et al
Examiner Devon Kramer	Group Art Unit 3613



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

This communication is responsive to _____.

The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.

The drawings filed on Jan 21, 2000 are acceptable.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Examiner's Amendment/Comment

Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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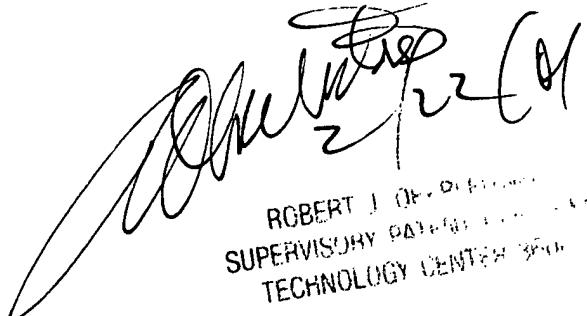
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the references cited either alone or in combination provide a partition having a recess and having partition holes; a membrane located in the recess in the partition sized so that it covers the holes in the partition; a pressure disk which has pressure disk holes located in the area of the partition holes; the pressure disk being movable from an open position to a closed position; where in the closed position, the pressure disk releases the membrane so that the membrane may move, and in the open position, the pressure disk secures the membrane so that the membrane may not move; and further including the other limitations of the independent claims. Hettler et al, Lee et al, Kojima, Hein et al, Mellon, Matsuda et al, Tajima et al, Yamazoe et al, Klein et al, Quast, and LaBeau et al all lack an apparatus where a membrane is located in the recess in the partition, sized so that it covers the holes in the partition; a pressure disk which has pressure disk holes located in the area of the partition holes, the pressure disk being movable from an open position to a closed position; where in the closed position, the pressure disk releases the membrane so that the membrane may move.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon Kramer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0839.



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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE

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THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.
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